

**NDE Bulletin**  
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**AYP and PLAS**

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**The Preview State of the Schools Report 2010-11 (found in the NDE Portal under Data Collections) contains the final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Decisions. The final AYP decisions will be released to the public on November 8, 2011 at the State Board afternoon work session.**

The list of schools eligible for ESEA Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants (SIG) because they have met the criteria for persistently lowest-achieving schools (PLAS) has not yet been added to the Preview State of the Schools Report 2010-11. Districts with eligible schools will receive individual email notification. All districts will be able to review their data before it is released to the public on November 8, 2011.

**NCLB Reduction in Funds**

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On October 6, 2011, NDE was notified that 2011-12 Title I-A and Title II-A allocations from USDE had been revised. Nebraska's Title I allocation was reduced by \$864,741. The Title II-A allocation for Nebraska was reduced by \$120,158. The revisions are the result of a decrease in the FY 2011 funds that were part of Public Law 112-33, the Continuing Appropriations, 2012. NDE was hoping to do the recalculations this year and apply them next year, but additional information received from USDE on October 17<sup>th</sup>, indicated a need to make the revisions in the current school year.

NDE is in the process of recalculating the allocations using the guidance from the U. S. Department of Education. This guidance requires the application of "hold harmless" which means that some districts will see no decrease. In other words, for Title I Part A and Part D Subpart 2 (local neglected or delinquent), the decrease is not uniformly applied to every district. Unless we get further guidance for the Title II, Part A grants, the decrease will be uniformly applied as a percentage of the grants. As soon as revised allocations are available, a pdf and an EXCEL file will be posted on the NDE Federal Programs web page.

NDE is also currently working on the best way to get the revised allocations into the Grants Management System, ESEA Consolidated application. Some of the decreases will be very small. We anticipate extending the due date for the application and encourage districts to complete as much of the application as possible but not submit it until the allocations have been revised in the application. Any submitted applications will be returned for changes. Districts that have approved 2011-12 ESEA Consolidated applications will be required to create and submit an amendment with the corrected allocations. Please watch next week's bulletin for additional information.

**NDE Personnel Changes**

Dr. Sameano Porchea has joined NDE as the leader of the Data, Research and Evaluation (formerly Data Services) team. As of November 1, Diane Stuehmer will become the Federal Programs administrator. I will continue to work with Sameano and Diane until my retirement in early January. Marilyn Peterson

## Reminders

### NSSRS “Fall 2011-2012” Collection Closes October 31

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Monday, October 31 is the final day to submit data during the NSSRS “Fall 2011-2012” collection. This collection requires superintendent approval (approval instructions are available at [https://portal.education.ne.gov/site/Help/Collection\\_Approval\\_v2.pdf](https://portal.education.ne.gov/site/Help/Collection_Approval_v2.pdf)). Data submitted during this collection is used for many purposes including: Fall Personnel Report, Fall Membership Report, State Aid, Approval and Accreditation certificate checks, salary reports, Nutrition Services Direct Certification/Direct Verification-Medicaid, Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Annual Child Count. The following NSSRS files are due October 31:

- Staff Demographics
- Staff Position Assignments
- Student
- October Student Snapshot
- School Enrollment
- October Special Education Snapshot
  1. NOTE: The Special Education Assurance report no longer must be printed and signed. Instead, the Special Education submissions will be “approved” by the same method as all other templates, through the approval by the superintendent.
- Programs Fact: Early Childhood

### NDE Helpdesk Request

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